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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	496	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.2
Estimated Population (1984)	659,004	% Population Urban (1980)	88.4
Population per Square Mile (1984)	1,329	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$16,855
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 2.4	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	1.4
Projected Population (1990)	678,104	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	5.4
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 5.4	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	2.9

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	659,004	316,006	342,998	35-44	86,672	42,455	44,217
0-4	43,024	21,921	21,103	45-54	71,371	34,119	37,252
5-14	80,561	41,214	39,347	55-64	76,459	36,127	40,332
15-24	104,588	52,165	52,423	65+	88,560	34,486	54,074
25-34	107,769	53,519	54,250				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	5,927	Number of Divorces	2,005
Rate per 1,000 Population	9.0	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.0
Median Age of Bride	26	Median Age of Wife	35
Median Age of Groom	28	Median Age of Husband	37

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	8,634
Rate per 1,000 Population	13.1
Median Age of Mother	28
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.6

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	8,634	100.0	30-34	2,345	27.2
UNDER 15	14	0.1	35-39	658	7.6
15-19	462	5.4	40-44	64	0.7
20-24	1,803	20.9	45+	0	—
25-29	3,288	38.1	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	635	Meningitis:	Aseptic	17	Salmonellosis	114
Hepatitis:	Type A	60	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	2	Shigellosis	22
Hepatitis:	Type B	27	Mumps		3	Syphilis	7
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	1	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	31
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	4					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	6,053	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	74
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.2	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	8.6
Median Age at Death	76.2	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	42

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	2,385	39.4	Perinatal Conditions	35	39.3	Accidents, All Forms	44	47.3
Cancer	1,475	24.4	Congenital Anomalies	21	23.6	Suicide	10	10.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	448	7.4	Accidents, All Forms	4	4.5	Cancer	6	6.5
Accidents, All Forms	187	3.1	Meningitis	2	2.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	4	4.3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	185	3.1						
All Other	1,373	22.7	All Other	27	30.3	All Other	29	31.2
TOTAL	6,053	100.0	TOTAL	89	100.0	TOTAL	93	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	57	25.9	Cancer	430	42.3	Heart Disease	2,044	44.1
Accidents, All Forms	48	21.8	Heart Disease	310	30.5	Cancer	981	21.2
Heart Disease	27	12.3	Cerebrovascular Disease	33	3.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	400	8.6
Suicide	20	9.1	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	33	3.2	Pneumonia and Influenza	170	3.7
Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	12	5.5	Suicide	30	3.0	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	166	3.6
All Other	56	25.5	All Other	180	17.7	All Other	874	18.9
TOTAL	220	100.0	TOTAL	1,016	100.0	TOTAL	4,635	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
19	11	6	1	0	1

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	2	Structured Clinics	7	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	4	Family Practice Center	5	Limited	0	General	6
				Basic	1	Comprehensive	4

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	10	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	2	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	3

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	2,983	4.5
Admissions	114,918	174.4

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,542	2.3
Admissions	9,395	14.3

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $273

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	29	21	20
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	2	0	2
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	21	19	20
TOTAL	52	40	42

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	3,827	43.2
Intermediate	1,693	19.1
Total (SNF + ICF)	5,520	62.3

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 83.7

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $63
Intermediate $62

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
21	4,940	2,314	2,581	45	30.6

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
4	8	0	1	12	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	1,237	Certified Paramedics I	122
Ambulance Providers	32	Certified Paramedics II	192

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 23

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	20	Autism	13	Muscular Dystrophy	14
Cerebral Palsy	15	Learning Disabilities	15	Other	17
Epilepsy	14	Multiple Sclerosis	12		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 24